

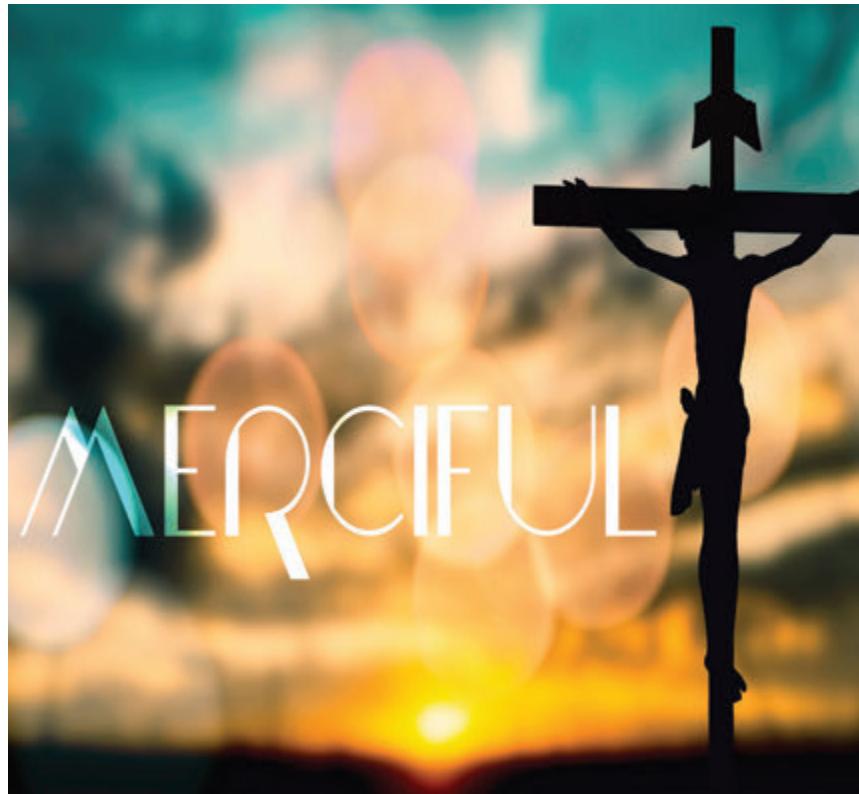
The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
Communities,*

*FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:*

TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith

TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures

TO CHERISH all life

TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.

Annual Parish Goal

We, as ministers, will foster

*an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,
especially to those away from the Church,
by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.*

Diocese of Metuchen

*Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen
www.diometuchen.org*

Rev. Richard Rusk Pastor
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Earl Roberts Deacon

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Mary Cangelosi Trustee

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Worship at Church Center:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:

390 County Road 513

Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Residence Chapel 7:00 a.m.
Church Center 7:00 p.m.

See Parish Calendar Inside for changes

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 11

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 13

5:30 p.m. Jason Garville, req.
Griffin Family

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Bailey Patricia, req.
Cathy and Tom Bennett

10:30 a.m. Stephen Kin, req.
Griffin Family

Mass Schedule - April 13/14

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader	David Geerinck Geerinck
Altar Server	Lowary Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Donna Torczon
.....	Eileen McCabe, Paul Fabiano
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader	Kate Knight
Altar Server	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Martalus
.....	Joe Sima, Bob Martalus
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader	Gary Porto
Altar Server	Alligood Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist	Ron Pojedinec, Patti Rittman
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Mary D'Avella, Anthony DeStefano

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
9:00 a.m. Community Garden Signups (Narthex)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Community Garden Signups (Narthex)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)
4:00 p.m. CHWC Meeting (Church Center)

Monday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday

10:00 a.m. SHIP (Church and Office Kitchens)
6:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Drexel Room)

Tuesday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Wednesday, April 10 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Individual Confessions (Reconciliation Room)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Reception Area)
7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, April 11 - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Bells Choir Practice (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Friday, April 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Food Pack Up (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

Saturday, April 13 - Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Food Deliveries Coffee (Church Center)
2:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist - Session #5 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Easter Flower Offering

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:00 a.m. Rosary (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Church Center Grounds)
3:00 p.m. Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Coat
(Lambertville)



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Donna Starita, and Percy Davids.**

Deceased: Donna Starita, niece of Anne Sacco and Cousin of Barbara Pannone and **Percy Davids**, father of Mauricia Nacamuli. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Letters of Condolence

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8: 1-11

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 12: 1-8

For 27 years, Walter Jones represented eastern North Carolina in Congress. He died this past February 10 on his 76th birthday, after a long illness. His colleagues in the House remembered him for his courage, his integrity and his kindness.

And his letters.

And not just any letters.

For the last 14 years, Jones made it a point to write letters to Americans whose spouse, daughter or son was killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Many of them included personal handwritten notes he wrote in his Greenville office late at night.

"My heart aches as I write this letter for I realize you are suffering a great loss," most letters would begin.

Jones' letter-writing began in 2003 after he attended the funeral of Marine Sgt. Michael Bitz, who was killed that March, not long after the Iraq war began. During the ceremony, the sergeant's two-year old son, Joshua, dropped a toy. A young Marine in dress uniform reached down to pick it up and hand it back to Joshua.

"And the boy looked up at him, and the Marine looked down, and then it hit me," the congressman would remember. "This little boy would never know his daddy."

Jones' grief at this scene led to a dramatic political conversion against the war, putting him at odds with President Bush and his own party. Congressman Jones had voted in favor of the war – and his vote haunted him.

"I will never forget my mistake because people died because of my mistake," he said. "I bought into believing that President Bush didn't really want to go to war. That's how naïve I was . . . I could have voted no, and I didn't."

He also acknowledged that facing re-election kept him from voting his conscience. "In my heart, I believe I let God down."

" . . . I felt the guilt, but also the pain of voting to send [Janina Bitz'] husband as well as thousands of other military to a war that was unnecessary," he said. "Obviously, the majority of these families will never know me and vice versa. But I want them to know that my heart aches as their heart aches."

Before writing to a family, Jones would obtain permission from a military liaison who makes sure that family members want condolences from a congressman they likely never heard of. Then, from a desk drawer in his office in Greenville, he retrieved the same black ink fountain pen that he used since he began this ritual. In some cases, he sent letters to multiple relatives of a single soldier.

At the time of his death in February, Walter Jones had written 11,266 such letters. Janina Bitz-Vasquez, the widow of the Marine whose funeral triggered Jones' epiphany, said she's honored that Jones continued to honor the families of dead service members. More importantly, she said, it "sets a standard for taking personal responsibility and accountability" for other political and military leaders.

Congressman Jones was not alone in voting for the war in Iraq and his vote would not have changed the course of the war, but in holding himself accountable to families, the late congressman mirrors the integrity and sense of personal responsibility that Jesus demands from those who have brought the adulteress before him. True conversion begins by taking ownership of our mistakes and shortcomings and the impact they have on those around us. We cannot take on the demons of the world until we confront the demons in our own hearts; we cannot pass sentence on others until we judge our own lives; we cannot change what is beyond us until we change what is within us; we cannot lift up the fallen until we realize that we, too, are fallen; we cannot raise others to health and hope until we seek our own healing.



SOUP N STATIONS

This Friday, April 12 we have a wonderful evening hosted by Social Ministry. Beginning at 5pm is the Food Pantry Pack up. We will pack food for the thirty families that we support with food. After the Pack up at 6pm we will enjoy our last Soup n Stations for Lent hosted by Social Ministry. After Stations at 7pm Fr. Rick is available for private Reconciliation.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Season of Lent is rapidly coming to a close. Soon we will be entering Holy Week where the death and resurrection of Jesus invites all of us to join our lives with his, especially, our crosses and sufferings. This is where the redemptive blessings of the Cross of Jesus are concentrated into our lives! Yes, the power of the Cross is truly active when we unite ourselves to his sufferings. May we make this journey with Jesus so that one day we will know the grace and power of the Resurrection!

God Bless,
Fr. Rick

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES

Please fill out a stewardship form and if you haven't already done so. You can try a service and let us know if it doesn't work with you.

Number of Parish Families ...300
Parishioner Responses 100

ON LINE PARISH GIVING

Switched from Automated Giving 13
New Families Signed Up 3

STEWARDSHIP

Eight stewardship forms were returned this week. Please, Please stop in the narthex and fill out your form and leave it in the basket! More information. Sjn@ccsjn.org / 832-2513.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEANING



We are in need of volunteers to help with church cleaning, once every six weeks. One task is vacuuming and mopping narthex floor. We also need someone to vacuum the worship area. Contact the office if you want to see if this could fit into your schedule.



LIBRARY

We are calling together anyone who would like to help organize a lending library here at church. Please email the office if you are interested in helping with this fun project. We will set up a meeting for the goal, plan, and execution of this wonderful task.

Christian Formation

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Lenten Encounter Ona

For Ona, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and those struggling to find meaningful work in Gaza, that their God-given gifts be used for the common good. For workers everywhere, that they be given fair payment for their work, safe conditions in which to labor, and the dignified treatment to which they are entitled, made in the image and likeness of our God who labored.

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING DURING LENT

The Lenten season is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's healing grace through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting on the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It might begin with a simple question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing? If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflecting to do. I can examine my life-**what I have done and what I have failed to do**-and see what graces are offered me there. **April 10 at 7PM Lenten Community and Individual Reconciliation**



LENT IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS



Lent is a wonderful season to fast from the negative habits. It is an opportunity to redirect the focus of our faith journey in positive ways that we may grow in holiness. Let's revisit our Lenten resolutions with this perspective in mind. Take one area of temptation and practice the opposite virtue. For example, if you have negative thoughts about a coworker, stop and consider one good quality this person has and thank God for it. Angry with a family member or friend? Consider praying for that person daily. Jesus wants you to grow in love and holiness and you don't have to do it alone he is always with you. **"Lord help me to grow in holiness and love this Lent."**

CONGRATULATIONS

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH DANIK



On Sunday, March 31 Charlotte Elizabeth Danik was baptized at the 10:30 Mass. The parish family is happy to join her family, Chris, Jessica and William welcoming her into the faith.

EASTER FLOWER HELP

If you can assist with the indoor/outdoor Easter flowers, that would be appreciated. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. Thank You

NOTE OF THANKS

From Middlesex Presbyterian

Dear Friends in Christ,
We are so grateful for the gift of so many armchairs from your to Middlesex Presbyterian Church, a small parish in Middlesex, New Jersey. Please pass on our gratitude for your generosity to Kathleen Knight, who connected the offer with my housemate and especially to Jim & Joann Murray who drove them down to our church this past Sunday. We are still figuring the best placement for all the chairs. What a lovely dilemma! Everyone helped offload the chairs. I was glad for the good weather to do this task. We pray for you all to experience God's richest blessings in this holy season.

In Christ's Love and Service,
Rev. Sally Campbell

Social Ministry

OUR EASTER FOOD DRIVE



Our Food pack up is at the church this Friday, April 12, 2019 starting at 5pm before Soup & Stations and Food delivery will take place on April 13, 2019 at 8am. Donations must be in no later than April 8, 2019. Items required: 9 Large Hams and 16 Small Hams/Cornish Hens, Juice, Coffee, Tissues, Rice, Small Cooking Oil, Apple Sauce/Fruit, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Hand Soap. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any members of the Social Ministry or send an email to socialministry@ccsjn.org. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN-UP



Sign-ups for a raised bed in the community garden for the 2019 growing season will take place in the Narthex on April 6 and 7 after all of the weekend Masses. We have 32 beds available--28 traditional 'low' beds and 4 'high' beds for those who have physical limitations. There is no monetary charge to use a bed but each member will be required to contribute 12 service hours of help in the garden. If you have any questions or need more information contact Anne Germino at project-earth@ccsjn.org.

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS PIES FOR EASTER



SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville will be open and will serve the noon meal on Easter Sunday. They are in need of pies for dessert. If you would like to make a pie of any kind to contribute, please contact Anne Germino at project-earth@ccsjn.org. All pies need to be delivered to St. John's by 8am on Friday, April 19.

2019 EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Wed. April 10 - 7:00pm Lenten Community Reconciliation followed by Individual Confessions (Church Center)
- Sat. April 13 - 5:30pm **Blessing of Palms** Procession (Portico) Mass (Church Center)
- Sun. April 14 - **Passion/Palm Sunday** Distribution of Palms at all Masses
8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
- Mon. April 15 - 4:00pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
- Tues. April 16 - 7:00am Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- Wed. April 17 - 8:00am Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- SACRED TRIDUUM**
- Thurs. April 18 - **Holy Thursday**
8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)
9:30pm-12:00am **"Keeping Watch"** (Seton Room)
- Fri. April 19 - **Good Friday** Passion and Death of the Lord
1:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (Grounds)
8:00pm Service (Church Center)
- Sat. April 20 - **Holy Saturday**
NO 5:30pm MASS
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - (Church Center)
- Sun. April 21 - **Easter Sunday**
8:00am Mass (Church Center)
10:30am Mass (Church Center)

WHY A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION?

Lent is the best time for self-examination, change and new life. Are we willing to truly accept that some of our behavior and attitudes have been harmful to ourselves and others? If so, we will be able to begin this conversion process. Only when we are truly honest with ourselves about our lives and remove the masks we wear through Confession will we encounter Christ's deep love bursting forth in our lives.

Jesus never sinned, yet was crucified for us and our sins. If we fail to see ourselves as sinners in need of Christ's mercy and forgiveness, the cross of Jesus then has lost its meaning for our lives. Jesus instituted the sacrament of penance because he knows that we all need it. He did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. (John 3:17) Jesus knows the benefits for those seeking this encounter with him. He loves us so much that he has given us this avenue for mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love so that we might grow into "the-best-version-of-your-self."

Our Parish invites us all to attend the Reconciliation Service this Wednesday and expe-

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Following 10:30 Mass Palm Sunday April 14



Join the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday -Palm Sunday, April 14 after the 10:30 Mass! Children up to ten years old should gather on the patio behind the church **immediately following** the 10:30 Mass. We will ring the gong to start the hunt so please have the kids ready as the eggs are found very quickly and we don't want children to miss out. Please listen to the instructions before the event begins. You can take the candy and place in your bag to bring home and return the eggs in the plastic container. We encourage parents to help children share so everyone can have fun in finding eggs.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."(Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION

Join us at the Parish Community Reconciliation this Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm. The Reconciliation Service is a wonderful retreat to prepare us for Holy Week. After the service Fr. Rick will be available for individual confessions.



KEEPING WATCH

We will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for the special Mass. Afterwards you are invited to stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Seton Room. Adoration will be ongoing until midnight.

YOGA IS RETURNING

Chair Yoga Starts

Tuesday, April 23rd, 10:30am

Chair classes are for anyone who is not comfortable getting down and up from the floor. We practice lots of breathing and stretching and also a few standing poses. We prefer to remove our shoes but it's not mandatory. Class meets in the Narthex or on the back patio weather permitting. No prior experience needed.

Mat Yoga Starts

Wednesday, April 24th, 5:30pm

Gentle mat classes in the rear loft of the church sets the stage for a very relaxed and gentle yoga practice. Please bring a mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes and easy to remove shoes. No prior experience needed.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Alligood
 Clara Alvarez
 Gary Anderson
 Andrew Arias
 Miguel Astacio
 Diane Bosack
 John D'Almeida
 Aiden Day
 Barbara DelPiano
 Denis DeVirteuil
 Sophia DeVita
 Anthony DeVito
 David Fabiano
 Dawn Farley
 Cindy Feighan
 Emma Finnegan
 Joseph Gruszczynski
 Fred Holub
 Stephanie Illetscho
 Michael Kucharski
 Arthur Lanteri
 Bonnie Lieberwirth
 Declan Maloney
 Dick McCall
 Jan McLeavey
 Christine Meyer
 Jon Morris
 Joan & Megan Myers
 Nancy Patterson
 Nilsa Perez Parsons
 John Pfeufer
 Ali Redling
 Earl & Denise Roberts
 Joe Romanger
 Silvia Bursett Romero
 Noah Skinner
 Michael Slivka
 Dick Slusher
 Anthony Sorgi, Jr.
 Patty Galati Stafford
 Margaret Thornsbury
 Nicholas Troiano
 Don Velli
 Dana & Greg Wilson
 Caden & Jill Zane
 Jim Zgoda
 Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers:
 Captain Baumann, Katherine, U.S. Army
 Spec. Bitters, Christian, U.S. Army
 Cavallo, Chris, USMC
 2LT, Michael Tyler D'Avella, U.S. Air Force
 SSO, Andrew Fabiano, U.S. Navy Reserve
 2LT, Molly Ferguson, U.S. Air Force
 C1C, Geerinck, Joshua, U.S. Air Force
 Spec. Jablonski, Jon Tyler, U.S. Army
 Private, Linzer, Matthew, U.S. Army
 Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, U.S. Navy
 SR O'Leary, Thomas, U.S. Navy
 Lieutenant Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy
 Airman, Vardian, Justin, U.S. Air Force
 Ensign, Webster, Justine, U.S. Navy

WHAT IS EASTER TRIDUUM?

"Triduum" is a Latin word referring to a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast. Easter Triduum is the liturgical name for the last three days of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with Easter Vigil whereby we enter the joy of Easter Sunday. Here's a preview of how it is celebrated here at St. John's, as narrated by our parishioners Joann Gardner and Barbara Gates:

Holy Thursday: Our Sacred Triduum starts with the traditional Seder Meal on Holy Thursday, celebrated by the Confirmandi. These students enjoy the ritual meal that has been prepared by their parents. They are taught the meaning of the Seder meal (with bitter herbs, egg, lamb shank, salt and Elijah's Cup) according to the Hebrew custom.

If you have not attended a Holy Thursday Mass, you should try to be there. It is the time when the Oils of Chrism are presented to the Priest and Congregation after our representative has attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Metuchen and brings them to St. John's. During this Mass the priest performs the washing of the feet, a very humbling experience. As an extension of this act and to remind us that we all are Christ to one another, those whose feet were washed then wash the hands of the rest of the community. This practice, that is unique to St. John's, really makes us all participants in this sacred rite. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the beautifully flower-decorated Seton Room where parishioners come in turns to "watch and pray" with Our Lord until midnight.

Good Friday: In the afternoon our Confirmation students present the Living Stations of the Cross outside. This presentation is quite moving as parishioners follow the path of Jesus on the road to His death on the cross. The students enact vignettes at each station and the congregation join in prayer, song, and meditation along the way. The students always do a splendid job.

At night, there is a solemn service in the church. The atmosphere is somber with low lighting and music. We hear readings from the Old Testament and the Gospel (the Passion Narrative), and there is time for reflection during the intercessions. After the intercessions, we each venerate the cross with a bow or a kiss. This service is not a Mass because there is no consecration of hosts, but communion is received with the extra Eucharist from the Mass on Holy Thursday. At the end of the service, we depart the church in prayerful silence.

Holy Saturday: This is the day of prayer and waiting. The Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm when it is still dark. The congregation moves outside to the unique Easter Bonfire. We then process into the Church with the Paschal Candle lit. We use candles lit from the Paschal Candle and as the vigil progresses, the Church is flooded with light representing new life. It is at the Easter Vigil that the Catechumen and the Elect receive the sacraments of initiation as full members of the Catholic Church. It is a spiritually uplifting experience. Consider being a part of this most holy and inspirational time at St. John's.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

May 11th - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Please consider helping out with some of the necessary cleaning, maintenance and repairs around the Church, Office, Residence and grounds. Windows, Closets, Deck Refinishing, relocating items, yard cleanup, etc. Lunch will be provided. We can use your help for all or any part of the day. Please sign up in the Narthex, or just show up. If you have any questions, call Sharon in the office 908-832-2513 or sjanks@ccsjn.org.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Jesus walks upon a crowd with an adulteress crouching in a corner with a mob around her preparing to stone her to death. Jesus stops them and says, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone!" Suddenly a woman at the back of the crowd fires off a stone at the adulteress and blasts her right in the head. At which point Jesus looks over and says... "Mother! I am trying to make a point here!"

Parish and Community News

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 15, 2019 - Cathedral, Metuchen



On Monday, April 15, 2019 Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. The Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the

head of the a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m.

Our parishioners Tom Klawunn and Patti Rittman will attend this Mass to receive the Holy Oils for our Parish which will be presented here at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

MAKING A PRAYER REQUEST AT ST. JOHN'S

Prayer is the way we talk with and listen to God, and the St. John Neumann Prayer Ministry is here to support you in times of need. If you would like the Prayer Ministers to include your request in their prayers, there are three ways to reach out to them:

- Fill out a Prayer Request Card, which can be found at the Prayer Station in the Church. It is located on the left side as you enter the Church proper from the Narthex.
- Email prayerministry@ccsjn.org..
- Call the Parish Office at 908-832-2513 and speak with someone about your request

All requests for confidentiality are honored, and should be noted when making the request. We all know how powerful prayer can be, and many have experienced the peace, guidance, healing and answers to their needs that prayer can bring. As a community we support one another in prayer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS – 2019

Council #10627 is proud to announce our 6th annual CCSJN Joseph F. Labuta Scholarship Award application to high school seniors of Knights of Columbus brothers or parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. The application can be found on the website, www.kofc10627.org by accessing the drop down menu for COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, then YOUTH ACTIVITIES, then SCHOLARSHIPS, and finally SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. Follow the directions for essay writing as given there and accessing the correct application for committee consideration. The scholarship will be a particularly competitive process for the 2019 award. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS are due in the St. Joseph Rectory Office, 59 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ by MAY 1, 2019.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 31, 2019

68 Donors Weekly	\$3,841.00
1 Yellow Brick Road	\$100.00
32 Clergy Retirement	\$742.00
1 Easter Flower Offering	\$100.00
1 Easter Offering	\$250.00
1 Mother's Day	\$50.00

March 25, 2018

54 Donors Weekly	\$3,946.00
2 Yellow Brick Road	\$200.00
2 Easter Flower Offering	\$55.00
125 Easter Offering	\$11,942.00
20 Holy Land	\$755.00

STORE CARDS



Aqui cards are available with 10% to St. John's:

Thanks to the **16 families** who purchased **\$2,395.00** in grocery & store cards for last week, the stores gave us a profit of **\$114.60**.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., April 10	G. Battell
Wed., April 17	L. Caprio

Store Cards

April 6 and 7

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	L. Stanski
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

April 13 and 14

5:30 p.m.	L. Livoti
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of April 7	C. Fortenbacker
Week of April 14	B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

April 11	Team C
April 18	Team D

Counting

April 8	Malone / Kosakowski
April 15	Cangelosi / McCabe



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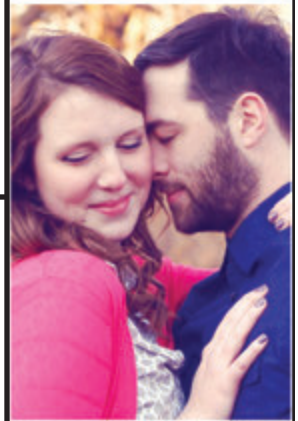
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